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SUBJ: LETELIER/MOFFITT: DEVELOPMENTS MARCH 21/22

REFS: (A) SANTIAGO 2037, (B) SANTIAGO 2035

1. SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE MARCOS LIBEDINSKY MARCH 21 DECLARED HIMSELF DISQUALIFIED ("INCOMPETENTE") TO PROCEED WITH HIS INVESTIGATION AND HANDED HIS FINDINGS OVER A MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR FURTHER ACTION. HE STATED THAT THE TWO MEN WHO TRAVELLED TO THE US USING THE CHILEAN OFFICIAL PASSPORTS LIBEDINSKY IS INVESTIGATING COME UNDER MILITARY AUTHORITY AND AS SUCH FALL OUTSIDE HIS JURISDICTION. LIBEDINSKY INDICATED THAT THE TWO PERSONS COULD STILL BE CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT (HANDLING THE LETTERS ROGATORY REQUEST) -- AND THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY USG LAWYER ETCHEBERRY. "EL MERCURIO" MARCH 22 REPORTED THAT THE IDENTITIES OF "WILLIAMS" AND "ROMERAL" MAY BE RELEASED PUBLICLY THIS WEEK.

2. THE PRESS MARCH 22 CARRIED THE BRIEF STATEMENT FROM THE CHILEAN ARMY'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE ANNOUNCING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE "VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION" OF GENERAL MANUEL CONTRERAS FROM THE ARMY (REF B). THERE WAS NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER MEDIA COMMENT OR SPECULATION ON THE CONTRERAS RESIGNATION.

3. ON ANOTHER POSSIBLY RELATED MATTER, SANTIAGO COURT OF APPEALS PROSECUTOR RENE CLAVERIA MARCH 21 RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPEALS COURT REOPEN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE OCTOBER 1977 DEATH OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR

OF PROTOCOL GUILLERMO OSORIO. OSORIO, WHO SERVED AS HEAD
OF THE GOC'S OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AT THE TIME
OFFICIAL VISAS WERE REQUESTED FOR "WILLIAMS" AND "ROMERAL"
REPORTEDLY COMMITTED SUICIDE.
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